

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 463
By Caldwell

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Cyndy Bailes for her meritorious service as Executive Director of the Court-Appointed Special Advocates of Anderson County (CASA).

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of the state of Tennessee should pause to pay tribute to those exemplary citizens who have given unselfishly of themselves, their time and their talents to perpetuate the public good; and

WHEREAS, Cyndy Bailes is one such remarkable public servant, an inspirational voice of concern for our children in Anderson County and our great state; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bailes has given unreservedly of herself as the distinguished Executive Director of the Court-Appointed Special Advocates of Anderson County (CASA), an exemplary organization that trains adult volunteers to serve as advocates for abused and neglected children who are in the juvenile court system; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bailes recently celebrated her fifth anniversary as director of this fine agency; in recognition of her superlative tenure there, Ms. Bailes was recently honored at the "Above and Beyond" awards dinner in Knoxville held by the East Tennessee Foundation; and

WHEREAS, one of only a dozen East Tennesseans recognized by the Foundation for their years of public service, Ms. Bailes was recognized as a catalyst for positive, vibrant change within her organization and was lauded for her efforts to improve the training and support program for CASA volunteers; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bailes is credited with helping volunteers provide more effective service and is responsible for helping volunteers better manage work-related stress; and

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WHEREAS, observers from the Foundation say Ms. Bailes has also been instrumental in developing “important relationships between CASA and the local court system, and has brought important new funding to the group”; and

WHEREAS, throughout her excellent service at the helm of CASA, Ms. Bailes has proven herself to be a valuable asset to the community; a concerned person whose willingness to help those in need knows no bounds, Ms. Bailes is highly regarded as a professional and friend by many in Anderson County; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bailes is the perfect example of a person totally committed to the highest ideals of public service and she is certainly deserving of special recognition by this General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Ms. Cyndy Bailes upon five years of meritorious service to CASA, Anderson County and the children of our state. We congratulate her upon her recent, well-deserved recognition by the East Tennessee Foundation and wish her the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.